

New Library Plans Disclosed

HEBER CITY—Plans for the newly proposed Wasatch County Library were disclosed to the Wasatch County Library Board in a special meeting held April 17, in the Wasatch Courthouse.

A detailed artists rendition and a complete explanation of why it was felt that the county needed to provide a new library service was explained not only to the library board, but to the commissioners and guests.

The new library would cost the county an estimated \$1,022,000, which included the purchase of the property, construction, furnishings, and landscaping.

The property for the library is situated directly south of the Senior Citizens Center, and west of the County Courthouse. This property was selected, due to the high visual aspect, the good traffic flows that pass the area. The property is owned by Heber City, and the County has an option to purchase the piece when the election passes.

The finances for the library will come in two parts. There are presently \$23,000 in present library funds, and there is facing the county a bond election for approximately \$990,000. The bond may be reduced by as much as

\$110,000 if a federal grant is approved by the county.

The old library building will be used for additional office space for Wasatch County Departments which are presently renting office space.

The new library is proposed to have approximately 10,000 square feet of main floor space, and 4,200 feet of storage space in the basement, and another 1,600 feet of space on the second floor. There will also be provided 66 off-street parking spaces, where there is limited parking at the present library.

The present library has 2,700 square feet of floor area, and much of that is taken up by study space and book shelving. The present site, doesn't allow for any additional increase in floor space, due to a city ordinance which required "X" number of parking for "X" number of floor space. So expansion of the present site is almost impossible.

The new facility will have more space for conveniences offered by the most updated library's. There has been planned individual study halls, with typing rooms, and production areas for visual and graphic materials.

The present library offers a

limited portion of the new library offerings. Also included in the new facility will be typing stations, computers, production area, dark-room, video and audio listening rooms, concentrated study area, conference rooms for public use, assembly hall (also for public use), and an increase in the selection of books and magazines offered.

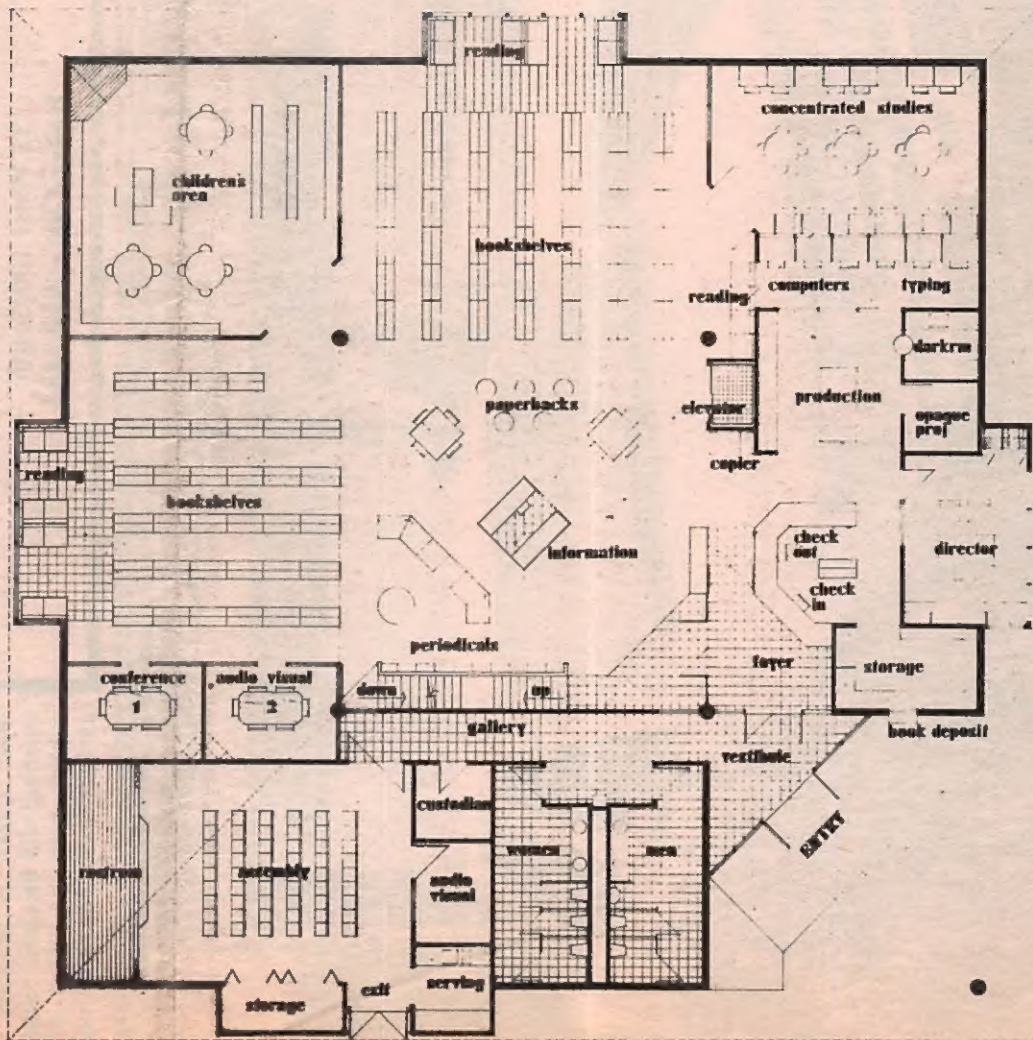
It was explained to those present at the meeting that the county's residents of which 76 percent of all citizens of the county, 6 and up, would be paying about 75 cents per month for a period not to exceed 15 years. This is for the average homeowner.

If the county's present debt service of .92 mills is retained, an increase of 1.58 mills would finance a new library. They also said that the cost of a couple of candy bars a week would probably pay for the library over a 15 year period.

It is anticipated that there will be no additional employees hired by the county to run the library. Presently there are only part-time employees working at the library, with a full-time librarian.

The meeting brought out some good questions about the library, which were answered. Presentations will be made at public meetings throughout the remaining week before the Bond Election.





FLOOR PLAN

Plans for the new Wasatch County Library were released by the County Library Board. The new facility will provide larger study areas, more shelving space,

and a larger selection in the literature section. Artists drawings provided by Richard Abbruzzese.